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Senate Elects Sanborn to Leadership

Senator elected and sworn in as the Assistant President Pro Tempore

(LANSING) – Senator Alan Sanborn, R-Richmond, was elected by his colleagues Jan. 8 to serve in the position of Assistant President Pro Tempore, a leadership position within the state Senate.

“I am honored by the trust and confidence that my colleagues have demonstrated by selecting me for the position of Assistant President Pro Tempore,” Sanborn said. “I am eager to fulfill my duties.”

As Assistant President Pro Tempore, Sanborn will be responsible for maintaining order in the Senate Chamber and ruling on procedural matters, when presiding over the body.

The motion for Sanborn’s nomination was made by Assistant Majority Leader Michael Bishop, R-Rochester, and seconded by Senator Dennis Olshove, D-Warren.

“Senator Alan Sanborn is good friend and colleague for whom I have tremendous respect,” Bishop said. “He is superbly qualified for the position of Assistant President Pro Tempore. His legislative experience as well as his professionalism and integrity make him the obvious choice.”

As this position is one of only three leadership roles that require a vote of the full Senate body for approval, Sanborn was elected by a record roll call vote of 38-0. After being elected, Sanborn was given the oath of office by Lt. Governor John D. Cherry.

“I applaud the majority caucus for their choice of Senator Sanborn for Assistant President Pro Tempore,” Olshove said. “I look forward to working as well with Senator Sanborn in the Senate as we did when we served together in the House of Representatives.”

Sanborn’s selection as Assistant President Pro Tempore marks the first time in recent history that a senator from Macomb County has been chosen to serve in Senate leadership.

Editor’s Note: A downloadable photograph of Senator Sanborn being sworn into the state Senate is available on the Senate photowire at: www.senate.state.mi.us/gop/photowire. An audio clip of Senator Sanborn being administered the oath-of-office is available on the Michigan Senate Hotline at (517) 373-4000.